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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, Creator of all things, make haste to minister to our needs. Lord, give our Senators the wisdom to strive to always maintain a clear conscience before You and all people. As our lawmakers hear Your voice through the whisper of conscience, inspire them to inquire of You regarding what more they can do to bring glory to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. May this aspiration prompt them to seek to bring deliverance to captives, the recovery of sight to the ethically blind, and to provide a balm to those who are bruised.

And, Lord, end this government shutdown.

We pray in Your marvelous Name. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HUSTED). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

### MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein up to 10 minutes each.

The Senator from Iowa.

### NATIONAL SECURITY

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I have a short article that I want to put in the RECORD, and I want to describe it before I ask permission.

In a column published in the Wall Street Journal on Monday, October 13, Jamie Dimon, CEO of JPMorganChase, called out the need for investment in national security. He mentions many areas that have been talked about a lot in Washington, like securing supply chains for critical materials like rare earth elements, ramping up defense modernization and innovation, energy independence and resilience, and accelerating advancements in strategic technologies.

The problem is that in Washington here and particularly in the Congress, it has been mostly just talk.

As a private sector leader, Jamie Dimon is putting his money where his mouth is. Congress ought to take note and follow his lead.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Wall Street Journal article by Jamie Dimon, "Investments for National Security," be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Wall Street Journal, Oct. 13, 2025]

#### INVESTMENTS FOR NATIONAL SECURITY

(By Jamie Dimon)

The brutal invasion of Ukraine, the indescribable terrorist attack on Israel and other major conflicts should dispel any illusion that the world is safe. The U.S. has allowed itself to become too reliant on unreliable sources of critical minerals, products and manufacturing—all of which are essential for our national security.

America remains the bastion of freedom and, equally important, the arsenal of democracy. Our own security is predicated on a strong and resilient domestic economy, which guarantees our ability to build, innovate and to maintain the most capable military in the world. Global peace and world order depend on it.

Our adversaries and potential adversaries aren't waiting—we no longer have the luxury

of time. America needs more speed and investment. It also needs to remove obstacles that stand in the way: excessive regulation, bureaucratic delay, partisan gridlock and an education system misaligned with the skills we need.

That is why JPMorganChase is launching the Security and Resiliency Initiative, a 10-year, \$1.5 trillion effort to facilitate, finance and invest in industries crucial to national security and economic resilience, from critical medications and minerals to military equipment and semiconductors. This will also help create economic growth, innovation and jobs in America. It will include direct equity investments of up to \$10 billion of our own capital in select companies. This effort will cut across investment banking, middle-market banking and commercial banking. It will include special research on private industries and important issues like supply-chain weaknesses on rare-earth metals. It will also include trying to design policies that can accelerate these efforts, including training, research and development, permitting, and regulations conducive to growth.

Our efforts will focus on four priority areas:

Supply chains and advanced manufacturing to strengthen the production of critical materials, pharmaceutical precursors, robotics and components such as semiconductors and rare-earth elements.

Defense and aerospace to support innovation and scale production for modern deterrence, including drones, autonomous system and next-gen connectivity.

Energy independence and resilience to modernize the U.S. grid and invest in reliable clean power like battery storage to meet surging demand.

Frontier and strategic technologies to accelerate breakthroughs in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and quantum computing.

Consider two examples: U.S. drug manufacturers depend heavily on foreign sources for active ingredients for medication. Seventy-seven percent of those facilities are overseas. There is an opportunity for America to rebuild and invest in its ability to manufacture lifesaving pharma ingredients and avoid supply-chain challenges and the risk of shortages of essential drugs.

Similarly, the U.S. electric grid is rapidly aging and ill-equipped to handle the massive increase in demand from AI and advanced manufacturing. Strategic investment can

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modernize transmission lines, harden energy systems, and reduce blackout risks.

As a top investment bank for the defense, healthcare and energy sectors, and a manager of trillions of dollars in clients' assets including in infrastructure and AI, we know how to put capital and expertise to work to solve big challenges like this.

Policy will be essential, too. America needs a permitting process measured in months, not years. Vocational and apprenticeship programs must be expanded to close the manufacturing skills gap. And we must create consistent long-term incentives for private investment in these critical industries so that more capital is available. Fortunately, bipartisan legislation has begun to modernize procurement and streamline industrial policy, and new federal initiatives are encouraging domestic production of chips and critical medications.

We hope that America will come together to address these challenges, as we have in the past. We need to act now.

### BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. October is the month that we bring attention to the plight of those who have had breast cancer and educate others on the importance of early detection.

My wife Barbara is a 38-year breast cancer survivor. We are fortunate that her breast cancer was detected very early. We know with certainty that early detection can dramatically increase a woman's chance of defeating breast cancer.

A regular mammogram is the best way to find breast cancer early. As screening and treatment have improved, we have also learned more about the accuracy of mammogram tests. However, if you have what is called dense breast tissue, it can make it harder for the radiologist reading the mammogram to see the breast cancer. So last year, the Food and Drug Administration started requiring that all mammogram reports sent to patients must include breast density, which should be described as either "not dense" or "dense."

If someone is notified that they have dense breasts, they should talk to their healthcare provider to discuss the next steps, as an MRI or ultrasound may be recommended to confirm the mammogram reading.

This new yet simple requirement by the Food and Drug Administration will better inform patients and help them advocate for themselves.

Early detection was critical for my wife. Today, patients will be better informed when they do get checked. As my wife often says: Just keep on getting checked.

I yield the floor.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader is recognized.

### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2026—Motion to Proceed

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I move to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the motion.

The senior assistant executive clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. 168, H.R. 5371, making continuing appropriations and extensions for fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, 3 weeks. It has been 3 weeks since Democrats shut down the government. Democrats chose to put the demands of far-left activists ahead of serving the American people, and over the last 3 weeks, it is the American people who have borne the consequences of the Democrat shutdown. Thousands of flights have been delayed. Nutrition assistance for millions of needy families is in jeopardy. Military families are turning to food banks in "unprecedented" numbers.

Democrats apparently are willing to prolong the suffering until their far-left base is satisfied. We have given Democrats here in the Senate numerous opportunities to end the shutdown. We have held now 11 votes on a clean, nonpartisan continuing resolution to end the shutdown and the pain that comes with it, and they said no every time.

We gave Democrats an opportunity to consider the bipartisan Defense appropriations bill—something that, I might add, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee 26 to 3, an overwhelming bipartisan vote. We gave them an opportunity to consider that here on the floor so we can at least protect our national security and pay our troops. Democrats called it "unacceptable" and a "distraction" to pay the troops.

We even offered to give them a vote on a healthcare proposal of their own design if they vote to reopen the government. The answer again was no.

I don't know what Democrats are looking for, but if they are looking for Republicans to give in to their hostage taking, they should think again. I have been very clear since the beginning. On the first day of this shutdown, I said Republicans would be perfectly willing to discuss the issues Democrats are raising but only after we reopen the government.

I said, and I quote, quoting myself here:

[W]e're not going to engage in bipartisan discussions while Democrats are holding the federal government hostage to their partisan demands.

Interestingly enough, that is the exact same position the Democrat leader espoused during the 2013 shutdown. He said then:

As we said a thousand times, we are happy to discuss how to fund the government but

not with a gun to our head. Open up all of the government, and then we can have a fruitful discussion. . . . Then we will discuss things, but—as has been said over and over—not with a gun to our heads.

That is from the Democrat leader back in 2013.

He espoused the same position, interestingly enough, again in 2019, noting:

We cannot—cannot—ever hold American workers hostage again.

Yet here he is in 2025 holding American workers and government funding hostage. I guess he has forgotten his own words, or maybe it is just situational, like a lot of things. They just adopted a political position, not a real one.

Republicans are ready to sit down with Democrats just as soon as they stop holding the government hostage to their partisan demands. As I have said, we have actually offered to guarantee them a vote on the ObamaCare issue they are raising, but Democrats continue to dig in.

They say we have to agree to their demands before they will agree to pay our troops, before Federal workers can have certainty about putting food on the table and paying their bills, before needy families can be sure that nutrition assistance will be there for them. They say all of this has to wait until after we fix a problem Democrats created, because, let's be clear, the ObamaCare cliff that Democrats are so worked up about is a result of their own choices.

Democrats wrote ObamaCare. They passed ObamaCare without a single Republican vote. They created the ObamaCare COVID credits without a single Republican vote. They extended the COVID credits, and then they chose the expiration date without a single Republican vote. That is right—they chose the expiration date, and then they chose not to address that expiration date when they had the majority here in the Senate for the last 4 years. But now they want you to believe that this is somehow a "Republican healthcare crisis." Give me a break. Give me a break.

If Democrats truly want a discussion on how to fix the healthcare mess they created, then they should be voting to reopen the government, and we have a bill right there at the desk that will do just that. It is clean. It is nonpartisan. It has no new Republican policies. It has no partisan policy riders. It just extends current funding levels for a few short weeks until we get an opportunity to finish the rest of the appropriations process.

Right now, we are just five Democrat votes away from passing that here in the Senate and sending it to the White House for President Trump to sign. And if just a handful—a handful—of Democrats would step forward, we could reopen the government literally in a matter of hours, today.

As I said from the very beginning of the shutdown, I made it clear that if Democrats reopen the government, we